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District Attorney Finds Fatal Officer-Involved Shooting in Colton Legally Justified

SAN BERNARDINO, Calif. – The San Bernardino County District Attorney's Office has completed its review of the officer-involved shooting of David Romero, 19, of Colton, by Colton Police Officers Matthew Collins and Bradley Carlson on September 4, 2010.

The District Attorney's Office stated that, under the facts, circumstances, and applicable law in this matter, Officer Bradley Carlson's use of deadly force was in response to an apparent and immediate threat of great bodily injury and lethal force to himself. His conduct is therefore justifiable as self-defense and no criminal liability should attach to him.

Furthermore, under the facts, circumstances, and applicable law in this matter, Officer Matthew Collins' use of deadly force was in response to an apparent and immediate threat of great bodily injury and lethal force to himself and to Officer Carlson. His conduct is therefore justifiable as self-defense and in the defense of others. Therefore no criminal liability should attach to him.

The report of the written case evaluation is attached or is available by contacting Christopher Lee at the District Attorney's Office at (909) 382-3665.

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